

BIO FOR JACK RUBIN

Jack Rubin was born in 1928 in Vari, Czechoslovakia, which was annexed by Hungary in 1938. Like all Jews in his town, Jack and his family were forced out of our home in April of 1944 with only the clothes on our back and one suitcase each, and taken to the Beregsastz Ghetto. There the Nazis forced everyone to turn over their jewelry, watches, wedding rings, and hand over everything of value. He and his family were then deported to Auschwitz, where his parents perished. Jack survived Auschwitz and three other camps, the only member of his family to survive. He was liberated on May 1, 1945, by the U.S. Army, and then spent two years in a Displaced Persons Camp in Germany.

In 1947, Jack was fortunate to come to America, where he eventually settled in Connecticut. Jack was drafted into the United States Army in 1950. After his discharge, Jack learned the trade to become a furrier and was fortunate to be able to earn a living as a furrier and raise a beautiful family in Fairfield, Connecticut. After a career in the fur business, Jack retired in 1995, and in 1998 moved to Boynton Beach, Florida. In Florida, Jack has been very active in several Florida survivor groups, as well as his synagogue and other Jewish organizations in Palm Beach County. Over the years, like many survivors, Jack has been dedicated to Holocaust education, having spoken to thousands of young people in public and private schools about the tragedy our people endured in the Holocaust. He also volunteers as a member of the Holocaust survivors' advisory committee of the Jewish Family and Children's Services of Palm Beach County, which serves the needy Holocaust survivors in our community. In addition, Jack is a member of the Executive Committee of the Holocaust Survivors Foundation USA, Inc., which represents thousands of Holocaust survivors from all over the United States.